

REMARKS

Review and reconsideration on the merits are requested.

Formalities

Applicants appreciate the Examiner indicating a copy of the priority document has been received from the International Bureau and returning initialed PTO/SB/08 (3 sheets).

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

With respect to the rejection of claim 4, it is believed claim 4 was rejected as depending from claim 1 not claim 3.

Claims 1 and 3 are combined, and it is believed this rejection has been overcome.

Withdrawal is requested.

Claim Status

Claims 1-26 were pending at the time of rejection.

Claims 6, 7 and 14-16 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but the Examiner indicated these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

However, from Paragraph 8 of the Action, it is indicated that the prior art of record fails to disclose or suggest a polyester film with an antistatic coating which comprises polymerized unit (2) (claim 6); (2) a polymer containing oxazoline groups (claim 14).

It is believed that the Examiner meant to indicate that claim 14 would be allowable.

Accordingly, Applicants combined claims 1/3/12/14, and believe they have overcome the rejection.

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However, if Applicants have misunderstood the Examiner's position, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned so that a telephone interview may be conducted.

It is believed that the Amendment avoids the rejection of claims 1-5, 12-13, 17-18, 20-22 and 25-26 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Japanese Patent Application 08-309940 (JP '940), and Applicants request withdrawal of the rejection.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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